

Dear Parents/Teachers

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed an evaluation of the former F.J. Doyle Salvage facility located at 905 N. Poplar and adjoining properties, alleyway, and drainage ditches. The F.J. Doyle Salvage facility began operation in the mid-1970's and operated until approximately August 1999. The facility was primarily a transformer recycling facility. The primary contaminant of concern associated with the site is polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) as well as various metals associated with metal recycling associated with the transformers. PCBs were used as coolants and lubricants in electrical equipment (ie. transformers, capacitors, and other electrical equipment).

The results of the sampling have revealed elevated levels of PCBs and co-located metal contamination as would be anticipated with spillage of transformer oil and recycling of metals. The highest level of concentrations are located on the facility property or immediately adjacent. Contamination in other areas of the site are believed to have been primarily associated with erosion as PCBs attach to soil particles. Other uses such as the use as a weed killer have also been reported.

Based upon the EPA investigation, PCBs were detected on school property at the Leonard ISD Daycare and in a drainage ditch along N. Poplar Street although the levels were below EPA cleanup levels. The EPA cleanup level for PCBs is less than 1 mg/kg.

The EPA anticipates starting its cleanup work in early November. The EPA will be using water for dust suppression and will be performing particulate air monitoring during the course of the cleanup to insure safety to those near the cleanup work.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to EPA. The EPA is also working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS). The EPA contacts are:

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